

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 143741
ORIGIN EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AS-01 NSC-05 NSCE-00 PM-04
PA-02 PRS-01 INR-07 SIG-02 /044 R

DRAFTED BY EA/P:STAFF:AJA
APPROVED BY EA/P:MSMITH

-----031695 212100Z /72

R 211725Z JUN 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
INFO CINCPAC
COGARD
TREASURY
GOV GUAM

UNCLAS STATE 143741

ATTN PARIS FOR MARK PRATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, XC, US

SUBJECT: JUNE 21 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

CSM'S MORITZ (TOKYO) REPORTS FUKUDA SCORING LOW IN PUBLIC
OPINION POLLS/MANY PEOPLE THINK PM HASN'T BEEN ABLE
SHAPE NEW LDP IMAGE WHICH WILL ENABLE IT WIN UPPER HOUSE
ELECTIONS. QUESTION SEEMS BE NOT WHETHER LDP WILL LOSE
BUT TO WHOM. KOMEITO/DEM SOCIALISTS SEEN BENEFIT MOST
FROM LDP SETBACK.
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 143741

SOME 10,000 JAL PASSENGERS AFFECTED 6/21 AS 50 OF 128
INTL/DOMESTIC FLIGHTS CANCELLED FOLLOWING 24-HR STRIKE
BY 2 CREW UNIONS DEMANDING SUMMER BONUSES (REUTER TOKYO).

GOJ PREPARED HELP BUILD 1.455-MIL-DOL PETROCHEMICAL
COMPLEX IN SAUDI ARABIA- SENIOR MITI OFFICIAL TO VISIT
RIYADH THIS MONTH TO INFORM SAUDI GOVT OF JAPAN'S OFFICIAL
SUPPORT (REUTER TOKYO 6/20).

KAWASAKI STEEL/ITALY'S FINSIDER HAVE AGREED W/BRAZIL'S

SIDERBRAS JOINTLY TO FINANCE 2.1-BIL-DOL STEEL COMPLEX IN S BRAZIL, CAPABLE OF TURNING OUT 3.4 MIL TONS CRUDE STEEL ANNUALLY (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO). SONY MARKS RECORD 30 PCT GAIN IN 2ND QTR PROFITS OVER YR AGO, PACED BY STRONG EXPORTS/SHARP RISE IN VIDEO RECORDER SALES. HALF-YR FIGURES SHOWED 40.7 PCT RISE OVER LAST YR (REUTER TOKYO 6/20; WSJ).

ON FUKUDA'S ORDERS, JAPANESE CABINET MINS TUES ATE FRUIT FROM AREA NEAR CHOLERA-INFECTED ARIDA TO PROVE IT WAS SAFE. PM DID NOT PARTICIPATE DUE URGENT APPOINTMENT CONNECTED W/UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS (REUTER TOKYO).

CHOLERA OUTBREAK WORSENS W/10 MORE SUSPECTED CASES IN ARIDA; AUTHORITIES FEAR ANOTHER OUTBREAK IN N JAPAN (GLOBE).

FONMIN HATOYAMA LEFT TOKYO 6/21 FOR PARIS TO ATTEND OECD MTG. WILL HAVE SEPARATE MTGS W/VANCE/OTHERS BEFORE SUNDAY DEPARTURE (REUTER TOKYO).

2. SINGAPORE
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 143741

LORENZ (CSM SINGAPORE) REPORTS INCREASINGLY ISOLATIONIST/ PROTECTIONIST STANCE TOWARD ASIA BY EC COUNTRIES CAUSING DISILLUSIONMENT IN SINGAPORE. AS RESULT, TRADE W/ASEAN/US/ JAPAN EXPECTED FILL GAP RAPIDLY.

3. KOREA

SFRC RECEIVED CLOSED-DOOR BRIEFING ON SK 6/20 FROM CIA DIRECTOR TURNER. AFTER SESSION, CHRNM SPARKMAN SAID HE SAW "NO URGENCY" FOR CMTE TO ACT ON PROPOSED W/DRAWAL. ADDED JCS CHRNM BROWN/UNDER SEC HABIB WILL BE CALLED BACK TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION AGAIN (AP, WP).

FON MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS SK AMB KIM HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED SEEK OFFICIAL US CLARIFICATION OF PRESS REPORT THAT US BUGGED BLUE HOUSE. FON MIN PARK ALSO CALLED AMB SNEIDER TO HIS OFFICE 6/21 TO SEEK SIMILAR CLARIFICATION (REUTER SEOUL).

WP REPORTS PRES PARK TOLD NATL ASSEMBLY SK MUST ACCEPT US W/DRAWAL EVEN THO HE STILL BELIEVES THEY SHOULD REMAIN UNTIL "PEACE IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED."

NATL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NY ISSUES 11-PG REPORT BASED ON THEOLOGICAL STUDY REV MOON'S BOOK, "DIVING PRINCIPLE"; CONCLUDES MOON CHURCH CANNOT BE CONSIDERED CHRISTIAN.

TRADE REP STRAUSS SAID SK AMB KIM CAME TO SIGN AGREEMENT

6/21 LIMITING SK'S EXPORTS NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR FOR 4-YR PERIOD STARTING 6/28 (GLOBE).

4. NEW ZEALAND

SPEAKING IN BELFAST 6/20, MULDOON REFERRED TO PROMISE HE MADE TO LET PEOPLE ESCAPE BELFAST VIOLENCE BY SETTLING IN NZ; SAID THIS DIDN'T APPLY TO "TERRORISTS" (REUTER UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 143741

BELFAST, 6/20).

5. VIETNAM

RADIO HANOI ANNOUNCES OPENING REGULAR 2-WAY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETW HANOI-HO CHI MINH CITY (REUTER SINGAPORE, 6/20).

VIET BUDDHIST ORG IN PARIS ISSUED DOCUMENT 6/21, NAMING 48 WRITERS/ARTISTS WHO ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED BY VN AUTHORITIES IN LAST 21 MONTHS. VN EMB SPOKESMAN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT DOCUMENT/COULD MAKE NO COMMENT ABOUT ITS ALLEGATIONS (REUTER PARIS).

RAM (CSM NEW DELHI) REPORTS VN SEEKING INDIAN INVESTMENT IN VIET INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ANALYSTS SEE NEGOTS AS REFLECTING VN'S RESOLVE TO ACHIEVE SPEEDY ECON RECONSTRUCTION W/O UNDUE RELIANCE ON EITHER USSR/PRC.

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

ISAACS (SUN HK)/KAMM (NYT KL) DO STORIES ON ASIA'S HARDENING ATTITUDE TOWARD VN REFUGEES. COUNTRIES' REFUSAL GRANT ASYLUM HAS LEFT REFUGEE PROBLEM W/WHICHEVER NATION'S SHIP RESCUES ESCAPEES. FACT RAISES GRIM POSSIBILITY THAT MERCHANT VESSELS MAY BEGIN REFUSING RESCUE REFUGEES IN DISTRESS AT SEA. IN LAST 19 DAYS, 169 REFUGEES HAVE REACHED HK ALONE/ESTIMATES SAY SOME 5,000 MAY HAVE DROWNED TRYING ESCAPE VN BY SEA.

7. CHINA

SOV BLOC REPS IN PEKING STAGED DOUBLE PROTEST AT MONDAY UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 143741

NIGHT PRC STATE BANQUET HONORING SOMALI VICE PRES ISMAIL ALI ABOOKER. SOV/CUBAN/EEUROPEAN AMBS BOYCOTTED DINNER/ SENT LOWER RANKING DIPLS, WHO WALKED OUT WHEN SENIOR PRC VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN CHARGED SOVS WITH "PUSHING POLICIES OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION" IN AFRICA. LI SPEECH SAID Milder THAN SOME OF HIS RECENT REMARKS. REUTER

REPORT ALSO RECALLS LAST MONTH SOVS LODGED FORMAL PROTEST RE PRC PROPAGANDA; BUT PRC OFFICIAL TOLD W JOURNALISTS 6/20 THAT NOTE REJECTED ON SPOT BY PRC DIPL IN MOSCOW (REUTER PEKING, NYT).

PRC HAS REPLACED LEADER NW KANSU PROVINCE. ACCORDING OFFICIAL BORADCAST, SUNG PING, CIVILIAN OFFICIAL, IS NEW PARTY CHIEF. NOTHING SAID OF PREDECESSOR HSIEN HENG-HAN (HK REPORT, WP).

8. PHILIPPINES

IN 7-PAGE DECISION TUES, FOLLOWING 2 MONTHS SPORADIC HEARINGS, PHILS IMMIGRATION/DEPORTATION COMMISSIONER REYES REJECTED GOP CHARGES AGAINST WIDEMAN; FOUND NO EVIDENCE NEWSMAN ACTED OTHER THAN AS LEGITIMATE CORRESPONDENT OR DEMONSTRATED ANY INTENTION MALIGN PHILS. IN SEATTLE, WIDEMAN HAILED DECISION AS LAYING DOWN FOR FIRST TIME GUARANTEE REAL PRESS FREEDOM FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN PHILS (REUTER MANILA).

9. FOOD CONFERENCE

AT MANILA THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING OF "WORLD FOOD COUNCIL" (6/20), USDA SEC BERGLAND ANNOUNCED US READY TAKE PART IN INTL-CONTROLLED SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD FOOD RESERVES-- BUT HE MADE CLEAR ALL COUNTRIES WOULD BE EXPECTED HELP CARRY COST. REUTER (MANILA) OBSERVES THAT US MESSAGE APPEARED AS MUCH DIRECTED AT SUCH CONSUMING COUNTRIES AS JAPAN/SOVIET AS AT GIVING ASSURANCES TO POORER UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 143741

COUNTRIES (NYT).

SOVIET CHIEF DEL TOLD COUNCIL TUES THAT REDUCTION IN ARMS EXPENDITURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AGRIC DEVELOPMENT IN POORER NATIONS, LEAD TO STABLE PEACE/ORDER/SECURITY (REUTER MANILA).

10. WHALING TALKS

AT CANBERRA MEETING OF "INTL WHALING COMMISSION" MONDAY, JAPAN/SOVIET--WHOSE FLEETS TOGETHER ACCOUNT FOR 75 PCT OF WHALES KILLED EACH YEAR--OPPOSED CALLS FOR 10-YR MORATORIUM ON WHALING. JAPAN ALSO VOICED RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY REDUCTION IN ANNUAL KILL QUOTA OF 28,000 WHALES (REUTER, NYT).

AFP (CANBERRA) REPORTS ABOUT 100 DEMONSTRATORS CHANTING "SAVE THE WHALES" GREETED DELS TO OPENING SESSION WHALING TALKS MONDAY; 45-FT-LONG PLASTIC WHALE LAY INFLATED ON GRASS SLOPE OUTSIDE HOTEL WHERE MEETING BEING HELD (WP).

REUTER (LONDON) SAYS ABOUT 200 PROTESTERS MARCHED ON JAPAN/SOVIET EMBASSIES THERE MONDAY CALLING FOR 10-YEAR MORATORIUM ON KILLING WHALES (6/20).

11. ANP

PM FRASER LEFT BONN FOR US MONDAY AFTER 2-DAYS TALKS WITH FRG GOVT LEADERS/INDUSTRIALISTS (REUTER BONN).

SUN'S TREWHITT NOTES WARNKE LEFT FOR MOSCOW MONDAY NIGHT TO DISCUSS MIL RESTRAINT IN INDIAN OCEAN; SEES MOVE AS INDICATION SUPERPOWERS' DETERMINATION SHOW PROGRESS POSSIBLE ON SOME ISSUES, DESPITE DIFFERENCES ABOUT OTHERS, UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 07 STATE 143741

SUCH AS SALT.

"TASS" 6/20 ACCUSED US OF TRYING ANNEX ALL 3 LEADING GROUPS OF MICRONESIA ISLANDS IN ORDER BUILD MIL BASE IN AREA, IN CLEAR VIOLATION INTL COMMITMENTS IN AREA (REUTER MOSCOW 6/20).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

FROM RAWALPINDI, LEWIS SIMONS (WP) REPORTS LARGE NUMBERS CHINESE ROAD WORKERS BEING REMOVED FROM KARAKORUM HIGHWAY BETWEEN PRC/PAK BECAUSE OF FEARS FOR THEIR SAFETY. PAK TROOPS NOW CONTROL HIGHWAY/NO CHINESE WORKERS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HARMED. PRC EMBASSY MIL ATTACHE YI FEI AND ASSISTANT HAVE VISITED AREA. PRC EMB REFUSES DISCUSS MATTER WITH W JOURNALISTS. NO INDICATIONS PRC PUT PRESSURE ON BHUTTO, BUT ASIAN DIPLS SAID PRC GOVT HAD BEEN "DEEPLY CONCERNED" RE WORKERS' WELFARE. PAK AUTHORITIES NO RECENT COMMENT ON SIT. POL OBSERVERS UNABLE ESTAB DIRECT LINK BETWEEN TRIBAL ACTION VS CHINESE WORKERS/BHUTTO DECISION HOLD NATL ELECTIONS THIS FALL; BUT SEVERAL FOREIGN DIPLS WOULD CONCUR IN ASSESSMENT OF ALLIANCE SOURCE THAT TRIBAL UPRISING "PLAYED A ROLE" IN FORCING BHUTTO DECISION.

IN HK, FOX BUTTERFIELD (NYT) SAYS HUA MAY BE CHAIRMAN, BUT LATEST INDICATIONS ARE PRC LEADERSHIP NOW 2-MAN SHOW. NOTES EQUAL SPACE/PROMINENCE/REFERENCES ACCORDED "ESTEEMED AND BELOVED" YEH CHIEN-YING WHO, IT APPEARS, HELPED PUT HUA IN POST AND STANDS BEHIND HIM.

BUTTERFIELD OPINES YEH POWER SEEMS STEM FROM FACT HE'S DEF MIN/ONLY SURVIVING DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PARTY/RANKING DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MIL AFFAIRS COMMISSION/CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 08 STATE 143741

CHOU--LATTER SEEMS GIVE YEH ADDED LEGITIMACY IN EYES MANY CHINESE. YEH EXERCISES AUTHORITY DISCRETELY AS KIND OF BEHIND-SCENES ELDER STATESMAN. MAY HAVE ADOPTED ROLE BECAUSE RECOGNIZED OWN POOR HEALTH/ADVANCED AGE MADE HIM UNSUITED LONG-TERM LEADERSHIP. SAYS IF YEH KINGMAKER, ANALYSTS INTERESTED IN HIS RELS TO WHAT APPEARS INCREASING REGIONAL POWER CENTER IN CANTON UNDER TWO ASSOCIATES: HSU SHIH-YU AND WEI KUO-CHING. WARNINGS ABOUT REGIONALISM MAY NOT BE COINCIDENTAL, BUT NO ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RE TWO.

ACCORDING BUTTERFIELD, PEKING'S NEW LEADERS SEEM TURNING ATTENTION IMPROVING/MODERNIZING ARMED FORCES. THIS HAS MEANT OUSTER AF COMMANDER MA NING/RETURN OF CHANG TING-FA. CLOSE MAO ASSOCIATE/NAVY COMMANDER HSIAO CHING-KUANO ALSO RELIEVED OF DUTY; BUT CHANGE MAY BE DUE TO ADMIRAL'S AGE (75) AS MUCH AS POL LEANINGS.

GLOBE (6/19) CARRIES SECOND/CONCLUDING PART OF HAK INTERVIEW W/"LONDON OBSERVER" STAFFERS. ASKED, INTER ALIA, WHETHER, "IN VIEW OF SINO/SOV RELATIONSHIP", IS POSSIBLE FOR W HAVE DETENTE W/BOTH OF THEM, HAK REPLIES IS DIFFICULT/BUT POSSIBLE. SAID WE'VE COMMON INTERESTS WITH EACH/CAN CULTIVATE BOTH INTERESTS SIMULTANEOUSLY--BUT MUST MAKE SURE KEEP THEM IN BALANCE/NOT GIVE EITHER IMPRESSION WE'RE GANGING UP ON IT; WE MUST RESIST IN OWN INTERESTS, PREPONDERANCE OF POWER BY SOVIET OVER ALL AREAS ADJOINING IT/SEEK EASE CONFLICTS WITH SOVS WHERE CAN W/O SACRIFICING INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

13. VIETNAM

- ;-

WP OP-ED PG PRINTS EXCERPTS FROM STATMENTS 4 DEM CONGRESS-UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 09 STATE 143741

MEN, WHO DEBATED IN FAVOR ALLOWING VETERAN BENEFITS TO THOSE VN VETS WHOSE DISCHARGES WERE UPGRADED UNDER CARTER'S REVIEW PROCESS. HOUSE VOTED 273-136 AGAINST ALLOWING BENEFITS. WP OPINES EXCERPTS SHOW "HOW MUCH A MINORITY OF THE HOUSE HAS LEARNED" FROM VN/"HOW VERY LITTLE" MAJORITY HAS LEARNED.

NY STATE ASSEMBLYMAN/VN VET GORSKI WRITES NYT, EXPRESSING DISGUST THAT VN USING BODIES DEAD US SOLDIERS AS "MONETARY LEVER" TO "EXTORT 'WAR REPARATIONS.'" ASKS HOW FAR US WILLING ALLOW VN/NK "FLAUNT BEFORE US" AS US PRESTIGE "SINKS LOWER" IN WORLD FORUM.

14. KOREA

FLANNERY CARTOON (SUN) SHOWS 3 FEARFUL/SWEATING CONGRESSMEN
W/BRIEFCASE MARKED "HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE" ASCENDING
CAPITOL STEPS TO SOMBER-LOOKING MAN HOLDING "KOREAN
SCANDALS." CAPTION READS, "WE'RE COMING...WE'RE COMING."

15. WHALES

NYT TERMS PROGRESS TOWARD WHALE PROTECTION "MISTY AS
SPRAY FROM A BLOWHOLE." SAYS JAPAN, WHILE MORE FORTHCOMING
IN PUBLIC ATTITUDE, CONTINUES IMPORT LARGE QUANTITIES
WHALE MEAT FROM NON-IWC COUNTRIES. STATES IF JAPAN SERIOUS
ABOUT INTL MANAGEMENT WHALING OFF US COAST, "LET THEM
AGREE IN TURN" TO US RESOLUTION FORBIDDING IWC STATES
FROM IMPORTING WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-MEMBER NATIONS.

,6. NARCOTICS

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY GUAM HAS BECOME CROSSROADS OF
SUBTERRANEAN DRUG TRAFFIC, WITH MILLIONS WORTH OF HEROIN/
OPIUM/MARIJUANA ROUTED THROUGH ISLAND TO UNDERWORLD DRUG
DEALERS IN US. REPORT INTELL INFO IDENTIFIED ONE SMUGGLING
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 10 STATE 143741

RING BY NICKNAME, "MOG FOG"--GUAM-BASED WITH BRANCHES IN
BANGKOK, HK, MANILA, HONOLULU, CALIF, NY. VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 22-Sep-1999 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS SUMMARIES, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE143741
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EA/P:STAFF:AJA
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: D770221-1019
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197706110/baaaetbj.tel
Line Count: 356
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6b1e9e73-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 7
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2012973
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JUNE 21 EA PRESS SUMMARY
TAGS: SOPN, XC, US
To: ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS MOSCOW MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6b1e9e73-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009